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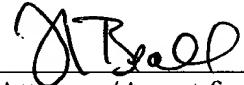
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO
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Applicants, through counsel, respectfully request a one (1) month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), or such other extension of time as is necessary, to respond to the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional) dated July 26, 2001, and a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated July 11, 2001, currently due September 11, 2001. Please charge the fee of \$110.00, and any additional fees or surcharges necessary to make this response timely, to the deposit account of the undersigned corporation, Deposit Account No. 03-3325, and credit any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

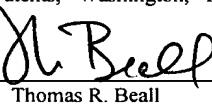
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